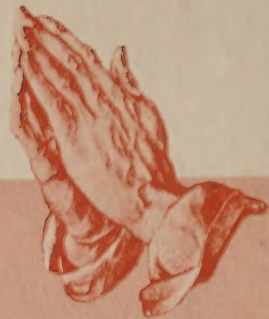


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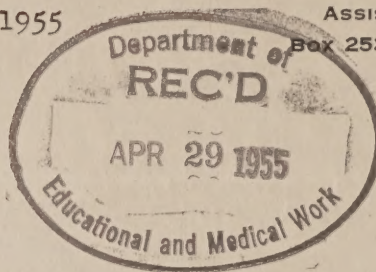


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THE REV. J. EARL JACKMAN, D. D.
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April 27, 1955

THE REV. R. ROLLAND ARMSTRONG, D. D.
ASSISTANT SECRETARY
Box 2539, JUNEAU, ALASKA



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cc: Mr. A. Frank
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Most sincerely

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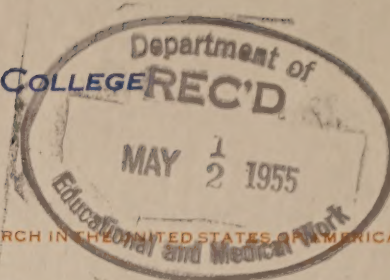
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SHELDON JACKSON JUNIOR COLLEGE



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SITKA, ALASKA

April 29, 1955

Miss Katharine E. Gladfelter
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

My dear Miss Gladfelter:

The Sitka Chamber of Commerce, of which I am a member, has developed a concerted action to obtain an appropriation from this Session of Congress to build a small boat harbor in the Crescent in front of the campus and toward town.

In some respects it will spoil the view to the southwest and possibly bring to this vicinity an undesirable use of property. I believe that a more suitable location could have been found. The petitioners were around today asking for my signature to approve the project as a property owner. I refused saying that I had no such power to sign. Then I was asked to sign just as a resident on the Crescent, but I refused this, too.

The project is under the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army. It was approved about ten years ago, but the Bureau of Budget has always refused to place a sum in the budget to Congress. ~~This~~ refusal is what the Chamber is trying to overcome. A hearing is scheduled in Washington before a sub-committee of the Rivers and Harbors Committee of the House on May 4th.

Sheldon Jackson has some rights in event an appropriation for the small boat harbor is approved. Any plan must provide, as far as we are concerned, for:

1. The spillway for our hydro plant runs out across this beach
2. We have been getting our oil by pipe line across this beach
3. We have a log haul-up to our sawmill here too.

The fact is that the beach here in front of the campus has been used continually by us since 1878 when the school was built here. As I understand the use one makes of a beach can not be taken away from one.

Personally I am opposed to the location for a small boat harbor, but I haven't so publicly stated since I do not want to arouse feeling against us among the business, who are backing it. However I have learned that Gov. Heintzleman share this same opinion that the Crescent location is undesirable. In any event I believe that Mr. Tribus should make a thorough investigation of what is going on and by all means protect us in the above rights mentioned, if it means interviewing the Engineers in Washington and attending the hearing.

Sincerely yours,

Roland B. Wurster
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President

Mr. Tribus
Miss Gladfelter

May 2, 1955

Attached is a copy of the letter from Mr. Wurster about the proposed small boat harbor about which I talked with you over the telephone.

I am also attaching the two maps which Mr. Wurster enclosed.

I am 100% opposed to the proposed location of the boat harbor. It would bring a commercial development directly in front of the campus, bring much more traffic to that part of town and be a definite "nuisance" as far as the development of a strong educational institution is concerned. I feel that we should oppose this move in every possible way and make our position known as quickly as we can.

You will notice that Mr. Wurster suggest that you interview the engineers in Washington and if possible, attend the hearing on May 4.

Katharine E. Gladfelter

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copy of Mr. Wurster's letter

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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Governor

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My dear Mr. Frank:

On the receipt of Dr. Armstrong's letter of April 27 relative to the small boat harbor in Haines, we checked at once our very voluminous pile of correspondence about this project. Two letters seem especially pertinent in bringing you up to date and so we suggest that you see whether you can locate in your files a copy of Mr. Tribus' letter of February 10, 1954 to Mr. Schnabel, who was at that time the Mayor of Haines. This letter outlines clearly the terms which the Board of National Missions had approved for a lease with the City of Haines for use of a portion of the beach front for a small boat harbor.

We also suggest that you refer to Miss Goddard's letter to Mr. Schwab of May 3, 1954 in which she pointed out that the next move is up to the City and that the Board is not prepared to take any steps with respect to the lease until we are assured that the City has funds available. If you cannot locate the two letters referred to let us know and we will be glad to send copies.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter
Secretary, Department of
Educational and Medical Work

Mr. Allan Frank
Haines House
Haines, Alaska

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cc: Dr. Armstrong
Mr. Tribus

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OFFICE
of the
TERRITORIAL HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Bulletin No. 1

May, 1955

GENERAL

The 1955 Legislature increased the motor fuel oil tax from two cents to five cents per gallon for on-highway use. With the exception of aviation gas it did not increase the tax on motor fuel used for non-highway purposes nor watercraft which will remain at two cents. Also, the Legislature transferred the support of the Department of Territorial Police from motor fuel tax funds to the general fund. It did, however, transfer from the general fund to the highway fund the support of the Office of the Highway Engineer and also added an item of \$130,000.00 per biennium to be paid from motor fuel tax funds to operate truck-weighting scales.

The end result will be that the Office of the Territorial Highway Engineer will have more funds to spend on roads than it has ever before had. With the exception of the expenses of the Highway Engineer's Office and operation of truck scales, all receipts from the motor fuel tax on fuel consumed other than by watercraft and aviation users will be earmarked for road construction. All the taxes on fuel consumed by watercraft will be earmarked for water and harbor facilities.

ROADS

In anticipation of increased funds, the Office of Territorial Highway Engineer has begun laying plans for more road activity than has ever before been undertaken by the Territory. The increase in motor fuel tax does not take effect until July 1, 1955 which means increased receipts will not be received by this office until after the end of most of the 1955 construction season. To

correct this condition, the Legislature passed another bill (Chapter 197, SLA 1955) to borrow one million dollars from the general fund for the 1955 construction season, the million dollars to be paid back to the general fund before June 30, 1957 from motor fuel oil tax receipts. This bill was passed unanimously by both houses in the Legislature. Since this bill did not carry an emergency clause and was not submitted to and signed by the Governor until April 23, 1955, the money under it will not become available to this office until July 22.

This bill specified that the distribution of the funds shall be made by the Territorial Board of Road Commissioners only, and shall be applied by the Board on such roads as the Board may see fit throughout Alaska. House Resolution No. 14 requests that the Territorial Board of Road Commissioners split the funds into four equal parts, \$250,000.00 for each division. This office considers this a very excellent idea and will recommend that the Board follow House Resolution No. 14 in its distribution of funds.

To date, the following has been undertaken by the Territory: This office has requested the Alaska Road Commission to order enough culverts to extend the proposed Nome-Fairbanks route approximately 7 miles up Nome River. This is the amount of work that can be handled this year with the A. R. C. men and equipment now available at Nome. Also culverts were ordered with the idea in mind of an extension of the Nome-Teller road. This would be accomplished by bid or by force account, whichever method will give the Territory more road for the money to be spent. Also culverts are being stock-piled for roads to finish connecting the city of Seldovia to the Seldovia chrome mining area. This project will be undertaken by bid or force account this year with funds accumulated and now available to the Territorial Highway Engineer. From these same accumulated funds, money has been made available for the repair of the Taiya River bridge on the Skagway-Dyea road. Contracts have also been negotiated with the Alaska Road Commission, whereby the Territory will continue its contribution of \$250,000.00 a year towards the maintenance of local feeder and access roads.

No other projects have been definitely allocated pending a meeting of the Territorial Board of Road Commissioners. The office of the Territorial Highway Engineer has a road program for each division which it will recommend to the Territorial Board of Road Commissioners for the Board's consideration. This program

or such parts as are approved by the Board will be given in later editions of this bulletin.

Congress has appropriated \$200,000.00 to the Alaska Road Commission for the construction of small farm and industrial access roads. This office, from the available and anticipated funds expected this year has agreed to match this \$200,000.00 for the construction of small farm and industrial access roads. In recognition of the Territory's participation and interest in this road program, the A. R. C. has given the Territory full choice in the priority rating of all requests for these small roads.

WATER AND HARBOR FACILITIES

The 1955 Legislature did not raise the motor fuel oil tax on boats which still remains at two cents per gallon. Also the motor fuel oil tax law definitely states that the amount received from the motor fuel oil tax on boats shall only be spent on water and harbor facilities. Thus no money can be borrowed from the motor fuel oil tax on roads to finish work on water and harbor facilities as has been done in some cases in the past. However, since the support of the police has been taken from the motor fuel oil tax, there will be a larger fund available for water and harbor facilities.

In the 1955 season a gridiron at Hoonah has already been completed and an extension of the Auke Bay float in the Juneau area will soon be under construction. Also a float at Port Chilkoot in the Haines area will be undertaken this month. Extensive repairs will be made to the Knudson Cove float in the Ketchikan area. Work on the floats at Auke Bay and Knudson Cove is being deferred pending action from the U. S. Forest Service in transferring title to the Territorial Government. A float has already been repaired at Craig and one constructed at Port Alexander. Contracts have been signed for the reconstruction of floats at Cordova and at Valdez.

SMALL BOAT HARBORS

\$300,000.00 was appropriated by the Legislature for the construction of small boat harbors with matching funds from the Alaska

Public Works, no more than \$100,000.00 to be spent on any one small boat harbor. Stegway was the first town to submit plans and applications for a small boat harbor. Their application has been submitted to the Alaska Public Works for matching funds and is being processed at this time.

Irving Reed
Territorial Highway Engineer
Box 2073, Juneau, Alaska

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May 4, 1955

Mr. Allan Frank
Haines House
Haines, Alaska



Dear Allan:

This is more recent information on the Haines Small Boar Harbour than in my previous letter.

To follow an interview with Apaska Public Works men I found that both the Territory and the APW prefer a site that is away from Haines House and down the beach toward the Indian town. The engineers of the government (US) may take over the project and do the entire thing. These men here say that actually Haines has nothing to say about the location. If the Engineers come up with a plan to build in front of Haines House, it has to be reviewed and adjoining property owners are heard. This would be the time to object.

Our answer then is to say to anyone who approaches us that we want to see the engineering reports and the recommendations of both the Territory and the APW before committing ourselves to a release of the property.

I thought you should have this and to know that here the Haines House site is virtually out.

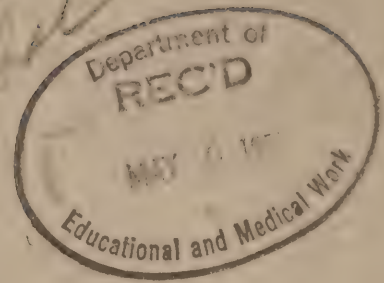
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Dear Allan:

Yesterday I had a conference with Governor Heintzleman. During the conversation he told me of his objection to the City of Sitka building a small boat harbour on the waterfront known as the "Crescent". He said that Sitka is not adequately aware of the blot this small boat harbour will be to this section of the town.

The Governor spoke of the piling sticking up, the traffic, the drunks, etc. and in general berated the project in a location where the town should try to build something beautiful and residential.

This same thing may be a consideration at Haines. I am not against cooperation with the people of Haines. I do believe that there is pressure to have the Haines boat harbour in front of our property because it is right at the foot of Main Street. Main Street merchants will push for it at that site for their own ends.

I do not think that the Haines Council has probably thought in terms of the beauty of the town and its future blot on that very lovely site. It is worth considering and it is worth trying to explain to some of the men who make the decisions.

I would not feel so strongly about this if the Territorial Highway Engineer had not told me that the site lower down in the village could be used.

This is just to register my feelings after this discussion with the Governor and thought you would be interested.

Most sincerely yours

R. Rolland Armstrong

cc: E. Hurster
Miss K. Gladfelter

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May 6, 1955

My dear Mr. Wurster:

Immediately on receiving your letter of April 29 about the proposed small boat harbor in the Crescent in front of the campus I got in touch with Mr. Tribus and Dr. Jackman.

Dr. Jackman telephoned Mr. Bartlett in Washington and also had a three-way telephone conversation with him and Mr. Van Horne of Sitka, who was in Washington for the hearing relative to an appropriation for the project. From this three-way conversation, Dr. Jackman reported back as follows:

- 1-- That as you mentioned in your letter the original hearings on the proposed location began about ten years ago. Also, hearings have since been held in Sitka, Portland and Seattle.

Mr. Van Horne mentioned that Mr. Yaw had testified for the proposed location, and also indicated that he thought you approved it. It sounded as though Mr. Van Horne had the impression that Mr. Yaw's testimony carried Board approval. This, however, is not the case since no executive can commit the Board on property or policy questions and the proposal for a small boat harbor in Sitka has never been before the Board. The Board therefore has expressed no judgment.

- 2-- That the hearing on May 4 had to do not with location but with a possible appropriation since the Budget Bureau had not approved the project in the budget.

I am not sure to whom we go to take up the question of location but I shall try to follow through on this as soon as I return to the office.

My own personal opinion is that it would be disastrous to Sheldon Jackson to have a small boat harbor located in front of the campus. This would be a commercial development with accompanying shore developments which would be bound to go along with the harbor. Actually, in an area which is zoned I doubt whether a commercial development of this type would be permitted so close to an established educational institution.

So that as it may, I personally considered the proposal serious enough that it would seem to me to raise a basic question as to whether the Board should proceed with the planned development of Sheldon Jackson. In other words, I feel that to have a small boat harbor so close to the campus might make the site so unsuitable for an institution to make further capital investments.

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Mr. Roland B. Wurster

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May 6, 1955

If you can secure any information locally on Mr. Van Homme's return, we shall be glad to have it. We will particularly welcome any lead which you can give us as to how and where to take up the question of location.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter
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Sheldon Jackson Junior College
Sitka, Alaska

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cc: Mr. Tribus
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PERSONAL

May 6, 1955

My dear Mr. Wurster:

This is just a personal note to explain the concluding section of the enclosed letter about the small boat harbor in which I have referred to the development of Sheldon Jackson.

I have purposely worded this somewhat strongly to indicate what I am pretty sure would be the reaction of the Board. Of course, I am not speaking for the Board but, as you see, I am strongly opposed to the proposed location just as you are personally. I am also perfectly sincere in saying that I feel that the proposal, if pressed, would call for a reconsideration of our plans for the college.

The important thing now is to find out how far the matter has gone and where we can register the Board's judgment as soon as it can be secured. As I indicated therefore any leads which you can give us will be most helpful.

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Burke Riley
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Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York City

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The entire community is heartened by the prospect of this long awaited improvement, and is desirous of its early realization. A compelling reason for our prompt action is that the Federal Alaska Public Works program will, by law, expire in two years and is meanwhile obliged to set up its allotment schedule one year in advance. Accordingly, we have in effect but one year in which to be assured of the project's materializing, and must in the interim complete all preliminary arrangements for the construction to start. Because these preliminary steps must be coordinated between City, Territory and Federal government, we must give the matter prompt and unremitting attention in order that all steps be taken and all arrangements mesh within a relatively short period.

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The community earnestly commends such undertaking to you and urges your early and favorable consideration of the proposed transfer on terms to be mutually arrived at. It is felt that the boat harbor, rather than detract from the Mission property, would instead enhance it - in value, interest, scenically and otherwise. It should be noted in this respect that, lying substantially below the Mission property, the boat harbor could not conceivably restrict the view from property or buildings. Described generally, the proposed project would consist of an "L" shaped rock fill extending from the foot of Main Street 550' easterly, thence 400' southerly, the entrance to be from the south.

Thanking you for your consideration hereof, I am

Very truly yours,

Burke Riley

P.S. Since writing the above I have learned from others who are closer to project planning that the strip of land desired would extend 600' instead of 400' southerly from the foot of Main Street; the additional 200' being intended for access to proposed sea plane floats.

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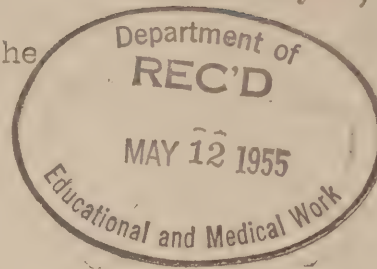
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It would be essential to the construction and use of the said boatharbor that such strip of land become available - through transfer of ownership - to the City or Territory as the case might be. Reverend Armstrong has, I believe, written to you in this respect. I believe he suggested an option or a purchase contract conditioned on the boat harbor's materializing within the life of the Alaska Public Works program; title not to pass unless such project is pursued and built.

The community earnestly commends such undertaking to you and urges your early and favorable consideration of the proposed transfer on terms to be mutually arrived at. It is felt that the boat harbor, rather than detract from the Mission property, would instead enhance it - in value, interest, scenically and otherwise. It should be noted in this respect that, lying substantially below the Mission property, the boat harbor could not conceivably restrict the view from property or buildings. Described generally, the proposed project would consist of an "L" shaped rock fill extending from the foot of Main Street 550' easterly, thence 400' southerly, the entrance to be from the south.

Thanking you for your consideration hereof, I am

Very truly yours,


Burke Riley

P.S. Since writing the above I have learned from others who are closer to project planning that the strip of land desired would extend 600' instead of 400' southerly from the foot of Main Street; the additional 200' being intended for access to proposed sea plane floats.

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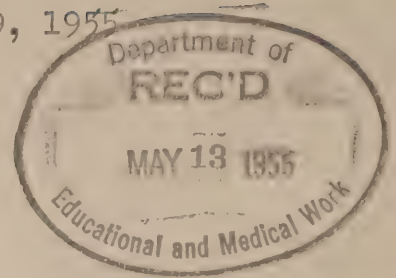
HAINES COMMON COUNCIL

HAINES, ALASKA

May 9, 1955

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Board of National Missions of
The Presbyterian Church in
The United States of America
156 Fifty Avenue
New York 10, New York



Gentlemen:

Since the mailing to you of Burke Riley's letter of May 6, 1955 concerning a proposed small boat harbor for this community, we have received a letter from the Territory of Alaska's Superintendent of Public Works, from which the following excerpts are taken:


"...no application can be made to the Alaska Public Works until a site is determined on. Second, the land for the project must be acquired by the community. Therefore, no application can be made...until these two final acts are performed by the City of Haines.

"I cannot see where I can do more engineering work until the above questions as to site and acquirement of land is settled. The Alaska Public Works cannot do any engineering work until the proper application is made and approved by their Washington, D. C. office.

"Can you...urge the Council and other interested people to decide on a site and to secure the necessary land for the construction of the small boat harbor so as to get this application on its way."

I am sure that the foregoing speaks for itself in pointing to the urgency of prompt action in this respect if Haines is to realize this long sought improvement. I might add that the recent Territorial appropriation for the purpose was sufficient for only three such projects. Arrangements for one, at Skagway, are already well advanced - as you will note from the enclosed. It is imperative that Haines also qualify, by resolving this essential first question at the earliest possible moment. Your help and cooperation in this respect will be deeply appreciated by this community.

Sincerely yours,


Mayor

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Dr. Earl Jackman
Miss Helen E. Irvine

May 12, 1955

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In Miss Gladfelter's absence, we are sharing with you a copy of a letter from Mr. Frank Heintzleman to Mr. Wurster in which he indicates his opposition to using the Cresent site for a small boat harbor in Sitka. Will you please return this letter so that Miss Gladfelter may see it when she returns to the office next week.

Helen E. Irvine

HEI:md

To Miss Irvine:

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

TO ~~X~~ Dr. Earl Jackman
FROM Miss Helen E. Irvine
RE:

DATE May 12, 1955

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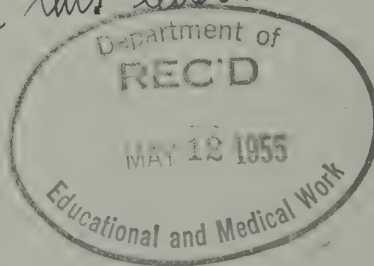
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Thank you for sharing this letter. I would agree with him.

J.E.J



May 16, 1955

Mr. Burke Riley
Attorney-at-Law
Haines, Alaska

My dear Mr. Riley:

Your letter of May 6th in regard to the small boat harbor at Haines, Alaska has been received at the office in the absence of Miss Katharine Cladfelter who is the Secretary in Charge of this department. It will, however, be held for her attention upon her return.

In the meantime, we would call your attention to the fact that since the proposal as now presented is quite different from the one considered by the Board a year and a half ago it will be necessary for the Board to review the whole situation and the next regular meeting of the Board at which this could be considered would be in September.

We understand that another site for this boat harbor is under consideration and before taking any further action, the Board will want to see the engineering reports and the recommendations of the Territory and the Alaska Public Works Department in regard to various sites.

As I stated above, your letter will be brought to Miss Cladfelter's attention upon her return to the office.

Very sincerely yours,

FMC:cmh

Florence W. Goddard
Assistant in the Department of
Educational and Medical Work

cc: Mr. Allan Frank
Haines House, Haines, Alaska

Dr. R. Rolland Armstrong
Box 2539, Juneau, Alaska

Mr. Lucian H. Tribus
156 - 5th Ave., New York City

Mayor Owen T. Lewis
Haines Common Council, Haines, Alaska

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Re - Haines
Small Boat
Harbor

May 16, 1955

My dear Dr. Armstrong:

We are not sure whether you had had copies of the letter sent to us by Mr. Burke Riley or a later letter from Mayor Lewis and we have therefore had copies made and are sending them to you.

As you will see, we have incorporated in our letter one of the points you mentioned in a recent letter and have tried not to commit the Board in any way.

You will note our reference to the difference in the proposal now being made and the one referred to us a year and a half ago. According to the former proposition, a request was made for 195 feet of waterfront property, whereas the present proposal asked a strip extending 600 feet. Also, they are asking for ownership of the property, whereas the Board previously considered only a lease.

We hope that it will be possible for you to get over to Haines to discuss this situation with Mr. Frank and we do hope that interest can be shifted to the other site and we shall await with interest further advice from you.

Very sincerely yours,

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SITKA, ALASKA

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May 17, 1955

Miss Katharine E. Gladfelter,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N. Y.

My dear Miss Gladfelter:

In regard to the Sitka small boat harbor, enclosed is a copy of a letter from Governor Heintzleman.

He is supposed to be in Washington, D. C. I strongly urge you to get in contact with him immediately either in Washington or New York for a personal interview in this regard.

Sincerely,

Roland B. Wurster
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President

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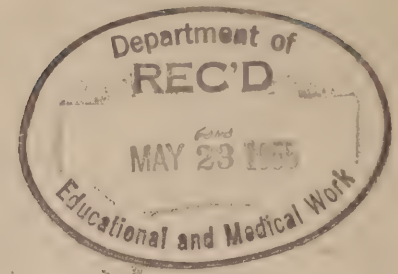
BURKE RILEY

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

HAINES, ALASKA

May 20, 1955

Board of National Missions of
The Presbyterian Church in
The United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York



Attention: Miss Florence M. Goddard.

Gentlemen:

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In answer to your letter's third paragraph, I believe that Mayor Lewis' letter of May 9th indicated that until upland site acquisition is resolved there will be no engineering reports or recommendations either from Alaska Public Works or the Territory of Alaska. The land question is the essential first step on which all else turns. Until that is settled neither agency will entertain our proposal.

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Your suggestion that the matter would not receive Board consideration until September is extremely disappointing to this community, for the urgency of early action cannot be over emphasized. Because of the somewhat intricate procedure, both Federal and Territorial, which must be observed in a relatively short time, delay at this point could well be fatal to the project's realization. From the standpoint of continuing cordial relationship we hesitate to initiate condemnation, yet feel that the long term common good to be served and the community benefits to be derived warrant consideration of the time saving features of the declaration of taking procedure.

Sincerely yours,

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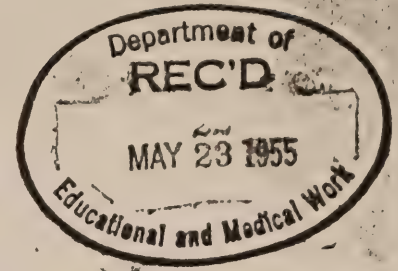
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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

may 26, 1955

Mr. Burke Riley
Attorney-at-law
Haines, Alaska

My dear Mr. Riley:

Your letter of May 6 addressed to the Board of National Missions and your later letter of May 20 to Miss Florence Goddard, both about the small boat harbor proposed for Haines, were held for me to see on my return to the office and we have since studied carefully all of the correspondence of the past two years.

As is evident from many actions taken by the Board in connection with its property in Haines, we sincerely have the welfare of the town at heart and have cooperated in every way possible in providing rights of way, easements, and have even deeded substantial plots of land, all without cost to the town, as requested. The Board also agreed in February, 1954, to the original proposal for a small boat harbor and approved the leasing of a portion of our water front property on a twenty-year basis. This agreement has, however, not been carried out as we have been awaiting further word from the town.

The new proposal which would mean the outright gift of practically the entire beach front of Haines House now raises new considerations and questions which make immediate consideration impossible. To be specific:

- 1-- We have heard on good authority that the Territory and Alaska Public Works prefer another site away from Haines House and down the beach toward the Indian town.
- 2-- Some consultation with both the Territory and APW together with a survey of the area in question is essential before the proposal can be considered by the Board.
- 3-- The proposed commercial development is one which could bring many undesirable elements with it. Location so near an institution for children seems questionable and could even interfere with the continued maintenance and development of the home.
- 4-- The proposed location is a beautiful one and if left undeveloped could well become a tourist asset more valuable in the long run than a commercial development.
- 5-- The proposal would sufficiently damage the Board's holdings that an outright gift could scarcely be considered.

Mr. Burke Riley

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May 26, 1955

We realize the necessity for haste from the point of view of the town. The Board, however, has a responsibility for Haines House which has performed an essential service in southeastern Alaska and the Bristol Bay section for many years, and so needs time to secure the additional information indicated above.

Very sincerely yours,

Katherine E. Gladfelter
Secretary, Department of
Educational and Medical Work

KEG:md

cc: Mr. Allan Frank
Dr. R. Rolland Armstrong
Mayor Owen I. Lewis
Mr. Duclen Trihus
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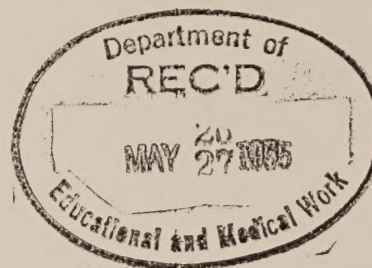
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MAY 26, 1955

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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KATHARINE E. GLADFELTER
PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

KEG:MD

May 27, 1955

Governor E. Frank Heintzleman
C/O Office of Territories
Department of Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Heintzleman:

Mr. Wurster, President of our Sheldon Jackson Junior College in Sitka, has sent us recently a copy of your letter to him of May 4 relative to the location for the proposed small boat harbor in Sitka.

You mentioned in this letter that you expected to reach Washington, D. C. about May 15 for a stay of three weeks, and Mr. Wurster urged that we try to contact you there for a personal interview.

I would be very happy to see you if at all possible, either in Washington or in New York if you are planning to stop here on your return. My schedule for the next ten days is relatively free with the exception of June 2 and June 9, and so I shall appreciate it if you will let me know when and where it might be possible for me to see you.

I am interested in discussing not only the Sitka situation, but also that in Haines where the location of a small boat harbor directly in front of our children's home, Haines House, is proposed. In both cases, I feel that to have such a development so close to institutions serving children and young people would create serious disadvantages which might even lead to a re-consideration by the Board of our thinking relative to the development of both projects.

Having said all of the above, I had better introduce myself as the Secretary of the Board in charge of the Department of Educational and Medical Work which is related to all of the National Missions institutions of this type from Alaska to Puerto Rico. The two projects in Alaska are Sheldon Jackson and Haines House, and we are also related on a different basis to the Valley Presbyterian Hospital in Palmer.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter
Secretary, Department of
Educational and Medical Work

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cc: Dr. R. Rolland Armstrong
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Mr. Allan Frank